



Sugar
City

JUNE 2019

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CALENDAR

June 1 –

Teton Dam Marathon –
for information go to:
rexburg.org/teton-dam-marathon

**June 6 – Planning &
Zoning Meeting @ 7 p.m.**

**June 13 – City Council
Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.**

June 16 – Father's Day

**June 20 – Planning &
Zoning Meeting @ 7 p.m.**

**June 27 – City Council
Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.**

DATES TO REMEMBER:

July 27 –

- **Community Breakfast**
Heritage Park –
7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
- **Sugar Days Celebration**
Heritage Park
11:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Vendors invited
- **Fremont County**
Pioneer Days Parade @
10:30 a.m. in St.
Anthony

*All city meetings are
subject to change.
see city website.*



SCHOOL IS OUT!

**BE SAFE! WATCH OUT FOR CHILDREN
ON THE STREETS AND NEAR WATER.
WE WISH EVERYONE A WONDERFUL,
SAFE, FUN SUMMER!**

THE CITY WELCOMES TWO NEW COUNCILORS: Sid Purser and Connie Fogle are the two new city councilors that have been appointed by the governor. The mayor will be appointing a third new councilor in the near future.

TREE & BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE: The committee is in need of volunteers. If you are interested please call city hall for information. Thank You!!

SPRING CLEANUP: Our city collected 48 loads from the clean-up. We thank the men for the hard work cleaning up and for your participation to help beautify the city. If you still have items to remove, remember the dumpster located on the west side of Silo Park off of North Front & C Street.

Reminder: Household garbage is not allowed at the dumpster.

SUGAR DAYS CELEBRATION: Sugar Days Celebration is to be held on July 27th from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Heritage Park. We will be inviting vendors to sign up to join in the festivities, if you are interested please call City hall for more information. More information will be in future newsletters and on the city's website and Facebook page.

WATERING TIP: According to research from Utah State University in Logan, Utah, lawns don't really require as much water as many of us are giving them. Lawns should receive ½ inch of water every 3 to 4 days. Place water cans or buckets around your yard when you water. As soon as you get ½ inch of water in your bucket or can, stop watering and remember how much time it took the sprinkler to put that much water out. Set your timer to only give that much water every 3 - 4 days. You will have to water more frequently as it gets hotter in July and August by watering every 2-3 days. Increasing the amount of water will not help; it will only wash through the soil.

SPRINKLER SYSTEMS: If you didn't have a test on your sprinkler system backflow preventer done last year, please have one done this year and bring your report into City Hall. This is necessary to ensure that contamination of the water supply will not happen in the event of a pressure loss to the water system. Thank you to those that have already brought in test results!

REVERSE 911 SYSTEM: We would like to encourage all citizens to sign up for Reverse 911. Go to madisonsheriff.com under Alert Sense and it will take you to the page to subscribe for emergency notifications.

SEWER AND WATER EMERGENCIES: We would like to remind all residents that in case of an emergency such as a water leak or sewer issue that happens after hours or on weekend, you can call city hall and there is an emergency option that will transfer you to our public works director.

STREET LIGHT OUTAGES: To report outages call City Hall at 208-356-7561.



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MAYOR'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

June 4, 2019

Dear Friends,

There appears to be some misunderstanding about what the city council is considering on the water rates. First, let me assure you that the recommendations provided by the engineers is not to increase water rates at this time. Second, the council discussion will center around how to handle what are referred to as heavy water users.

Water rates come in two parts. First, everyone, regardless of how much water they use, including heavy water users, pays \$0.95 cents per thousand gallons of water. The amount of money the city collects from this portion of the water rates goes to pay for the operation and maintenance of the water system. The second part of the water fee is the "base rate". It is currently at \$45 per equivalent residential user (ERU). The ERU chart approved by the city council almost two years ago, compares almost all uses to a standard residential use. The discussion by the city council is how to treat those uses that are not normal to the industry standard, such as heavy water users.

If you take a 1" inch water line it has the capacity to provide 16-20 gallons per minute. This is more than sufficient for most residential and even some commercial uses. If a business needed to increase to a 2" inch water line, the capacity increases to 55-60 gallons per minute. This is an increase in capacity of 243%. However, the increase in the cost of purchase and installation of that pipe is only about 60-70% higher than the 1" inch line. Therefore, using the standard ERU calculator, the heavy user would pay significantly higher than the actual cost of the infrastructure being provided.

Therefore, the engineers have recommended we take the pipe size and its costs, along with all other costs in the system, and convert it to an ERU calculation, so the heavy water users are paying their fair share, which takes into consideration any economies of scale. I hope this helps to answer some of your questions, if not, please feel free to contact us. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

David D. Ogden, Mayor